

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-25, 27, 29, 31 and 33-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 are independent claims.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview

At the outset, Applicants' representatives thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on November 17, 2008. As noted in the Examiner's Interview Summary, Applicants have amended the independent claims (1, 7, 13 and 19) to recite the features discussed during the interview to clearly distinguish over U.S. Patent No. 6,785,262 ("Yao"). Accordingly withdrawal of the prior rejection to independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Yao is respectfully requested.

The dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on the above-identified independent claims. See MPEP § 2143.01. Moreover, these claims recite additional subject matter, which is not suggested by the applied art.

Conclusion

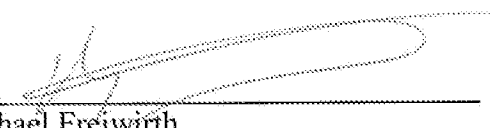
In light of the arguments and/or amendments contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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